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For: SOFTWARE-IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING NODES ON A NET- WORK		

PETITION FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

The Assignee petitions for accelerated examination of the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and item VIII, "Special Examining Procedure For Certain New Applications - Accelerated Examination," of section 708.02 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Please note also the "(Preliminary) Amendment A" filed herewith.

The specific requirements (A) through (E) of item VIII are addressed individually below.

(A) Please charge the required \$130 petition fee, and any other fee due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, to the deposit account of Arnold White & Durkee, no. 01-2508, order no. BVEW154/TOE.

(B) It is believed that all claims are directed to a single invention.

(C) A search of the present application was made by the European Patent Office at the request of the Assignee.

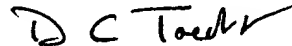
(D) Copies of the EPO search report and of the cited references are filed herewith as the enclosures to "Information Disclosure Statement # 1."

(E) The EPO search report lists three references as "A" references ("technological background") for all claims. The Assignee has reviewed these references and agrees with the EPO's characterization of those references. The EPO search report lists two references as "Y" references ("particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category") as to claims 1, 6, 8, and 13 as originally filed, and as "A" references ("technological background")

for claims 2-5, 7, 9-12, and 14-20. In the interest of expediting the examination, the claims in the former group have been amended, without prejudice, to incorporate limitations from claims in the latter group.

It is understood that the Examiner will conduct an independent review of all of the references and make his or her own determination of their potential relevance.

Respectfully submitted,



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